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GLEANERS TAKE
OVER CHAPPLE
& CO. BUSINESSNATHAN F. SIMPSON, HEAD OF
ORGANIZATION IN CITY TO
COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS.

We have interviewed Nathan F. Simpson, general manager and treasurer of the Gleaner Clearing House association, the farmer owned corporation, which has purchased the E. Chapple & Co., property consisting of elevator, feed and flouring mill, coal sheds, etc. Inventories are now being made preparatory for the subsequent turning over of these properties. He will remain here until the day of opening.

The Belding branch will be known as Branch 14, representing the number of branches organized since Sept. 1. The organization of Belding Branch No. 14 will conclude all organization for this season to be connected with this large farmers' corporation. However, Mr. Simpson reports that it is the plan of the Gleaner Clearing House association to expand its capital from \$200,000 to \$300,000 capitalization next season which will make possible the taking on of numerous other branches.

The taking over of the E. Chapple & Co.'s properties doesn't complete the organizing for Belding. Mr. Simpson feels that the Belding branch will be quite incomplete without promoting a produce house sufficiently equipped and financed for handling potatoes, apples, vegetables, eggs, etc. In fact the Belding branch should be equipped to purchase from the farmer everything produced on the farm as well as supply him with the necessary materials entering into farm production.

In purchasing the E. Chapple & Co. property the Belding branch will be equipped to purchase grain, beans and can supply the farmer with mill feeds, flour and coal. The usual line of material, lime, fertilizers, drain tile, binder twine and such other lines of materials which enter largely into farm operations will be carried. The Gleaner Clearing House association has secured an option to buy the Belding Delivery Co. property on Depot street and if this property is purchased a frost proof potato house will be immediately constructed, attached to the main building. Mr. Simpson states that the present capital subscribed does not warrant taking on other than the E. Chapple & Co. property. He reports in fact, that the capital is not yet sufficient to purchase the above property and properly stock the same. However, Mr. Simpson reports that Mr. Brown of the board of commerce, who has kindly acted as secretary for the farmers is still working on the subscription of capital and a sufficient amount is assured by him as the farmers are all deeply interested.

Mr. Brown upon being interviewed suggested that the local committees make a thorough canvass of their districts at once in order that any further delays may be avoided. Mr. Simpson further reported that all inventories will be completed and that the E. Chapple & Co. property will be operating under the ownership of the farmers, the Gleaner Clearing House association by the last of the week. The local business now being transacted by E. Chapple & Co. will be continued under the new ownership.

Mrs. Frank Lamb Dead.
The death of Mrs. Frank Lamb, aged 69 years, took place Sunday morning at about 10 o'clock at the home of her son, John R. Lamb, south of the city, following an illness of some months duration. The funeral is being held this afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. St. Clair Parsons of Greenville officiating and burial will be made in the Otisco cemetery.

Orleans Pioneer Passes.
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Trent, aged 83 years, an Orleans pioneer, died at her home in Orleans township, Sunday evening at about 9 o'clock, following a lingering illness caused by cancer. Mrs. Trent came to Orleans township many years ago and has seen the country develop from a wild state to what it is today. The funeral was held Tuesday from the home at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. P. Ray Norton officiating and burial was in Green's cemetery. Mrs. Trent was a mother of John W. Moore, who died two weeks ago.

Notified of Uncle's Death.
Mrs. J. Ward Wells recently received word that her uncle, Otis O. Andrews, chief engineer of the Michigan branch of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, 3046 years in the service of the G. R. & I. railroad, died at his home, 39 Ryerson street, Grand Rapids, at the age of 60 years. He was one of the oldest engineers in the employ of the G. R. & I. and had lived until next spring, he would have been retired. He was a member of Grand River lodge No. 34 F. & A. M., and also of I. O. O. F. lodge No. 12. His widow, of Grand Rapids, together with a daughter, Mrs. O. VanWormer of Jacksonville, Florida, survive him. Funeral services were held in Grand Rapids from his late home Monday morning under the auspices of Grand River lodge No. 34. The remains were placed in the Oak Hill cemetery vault to await the arrival of his daughter. Besides being an uncle of Mrs. J. Ward Wells of this city, deceased was also an uncle of A. O. Richardson of Rockford.

In Memoriam.
In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Wilson, who died one year ago, October 23, 1917.
Mrs. J. B. Melvin.
Mrs. E. A. Balcom.
Miss Lizzie Wilson.
Mrs. Lee Spelt.
Mrs. Charles Knapp.
Mrs. John Lemly.
Mrs. Darwin Post.

Hotel Changes Management.
A change in management will take place at Hotel Belding on November 5, when Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dunham, for the past three years host and hostess at this popular hotel, will leave for Winston-Salem, N. C., where Mr. Dunham will have a position as assistant manager of the Zinzendorf hotel, one of two largest hotels owned by the Truvelles Hotel Co. Mr. and Mrs. Dunham have made many warm friends during their stay in this city who will regret to see them leave but who extend wishes of success and happiness in their new location and it is to these and other friends here that Mr. and Mrs. Dunham extend a cordial welcome at the new place, Winston-Salem.

These Bracken, for more than 30 years connected with the hotel as chief clerk, has been selected to take the position as manager of the hotel from this time on and this merited promotion is well earned. There is perhaps no better known hotel man in this state than "Tom" Bracken and letters of congratulation have been coming in from far and near to Mr. Bracken as manager of the hotel. Mr. Dunham rows to Winston-Salem at a substantial increase in salary and more responsible position.

Captain Crawford Celebrates.
Captain D. C. Crawford stepped sprightly into the office yesterday morning and announced that just 80 years ago, on October 23, 1838, he was ushered into the world and that in honor of his good fortune in reaching his 80th milestone he was celebrating just a trifle. The captain went all through the Civil war and says that while he is enjoying fairly good health that his army life took ten years off from his life. Among the captain's earliest recollections is an incident which happened on either his seventh or eighth birthday, when he saw three men, one with life, another with a drum and another with a bugle, coming down the road drumming up recruits for the Mexican war which was then in progress. Even at that early date the soldier blood surged in his veins and at this late date the captain admits that he would like to be at the front doing his bit to whip the Germans.

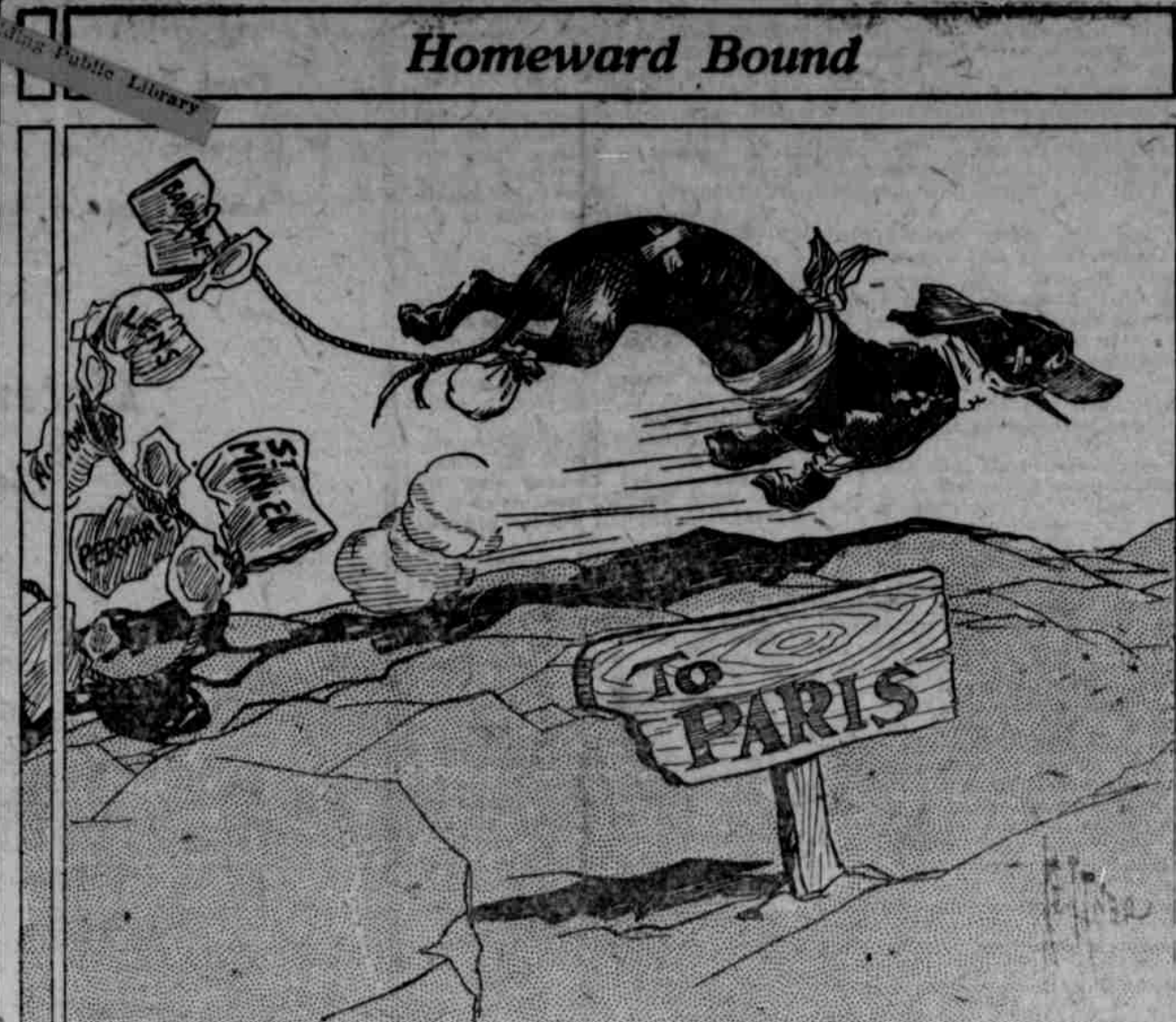
Serving in the Mud.
One of the clever little news sheets published not far from the firing line in France is called "The Plane News". Indicating the lively interest our boys take in home affairs, and their appreciation of the women who are helping in the war, the following lines recently published in its columns are strictly up-to-date. The verse is called, "Serving in the Mud":
"I reckon if the folks back home knew what these girls could do, They'd vote for women's suffrage. The same as we will do. Cause when you find them with the nerve, To come out in this mud and serve, They ought to vote and help the cause Of running things and making laws."

TELLS OF FINE
TRIP TO HOME IN
GOLDEN WESTMISS CLARA MOULTON, NOW A
RESIDENT OF PASADENA, CAL.
WRITES TO LOCAL FRIEND.

(Continued From Last Week.)
is one painful of salt to every five painful of water. They have large dredges working all the time taking the salt out of this lake, of course being at night we missed all those things. I would like to have gotten on early enough to have gone in bathing, as you know it is one place where a person cannot drown and as I have said before, who wants to try and save a fat lady from drowning, there is no romance in that, only hard work. There are mountainous islands rising out of the lake which are supposed to be a continuation of the Wasatch mountains.

We think we are quite wonderful in this day and generation and so we are, but when you think of this city, which was founded in 1847 by Brigham Young and that the temple was 40 years in the building, that the stones were brought from the quarries many miles away, over almost impassable roads, that for a six and eight ox-team to bring a single stone; that their "tabernacle" when it was first built did not contain a single nail, screw or metal in any form, was put together with wooden pins and catgut, we begin to grasp the thought that we do not know it all yet.

The temple, a building of remarkable acoustic qualities and has one of the largest pipe organs in the world. It has over 20 opening in so a crowd can get out very rapidly; it seats 3,000 people and 12,000 can get in by standing up. The organist gives a public recital every day at 12 o'clock. The day we arrived we were too late to hear it and had to leave before noon the following day; however, in the morning we intended to go through as they take visitors through, but it was Pioneers' day all over Utah. They were celebrating the coming of Brigham Young to Utah; many of the "Old Elders" were gathering in from all over the state and so of course they had no time to take a bunch of gentiles through; we sat on the steps and heard the organist practicing. The stores were closed also. The tabernacle is where they hold their prayer meeting and all public meetings. There come with its three pointed apses cannot be entered by any "gentile" but we are told that not all Mormons are allowed to enter these sainted halls, only those who are known to lead a "Saintly Life"; you may draw your own conclusions as to what that would mean to the Mormons. Whether this is true or not will never be known to any gentile; they hold their baptisms, weddings and other holy things here. No matter what their religion is, we will have to take our (To Be Continued)

LUCKY ESCAPES
IN TWO ACCIDENTS
—WHEN AUTOS COLLIDEINCIDENTALLY, SMALL AMOUNT
OF DAMAGES SUSTAINED IN
EACH INCIDENT.

Two automobiles crashed and caused a little variety in Saturday night's rather dull program when at about 9 o'clock the Dodge touring car owned and driven by H. Lee Miller, going south on Bridge street, struck a Ford car at the corner of South Bridge and Congress streets.

The driver of the Ford coming west on Congress street, failed to see the Miller car until too late, owing to the fact that he had his top up and had it enclosed with side curtains and when he noted the predicament his Ford was in, swerved to avoid a collision. Miller's car was too close upon him, however, and the Dodge car struck the Ford on its rear right fender, throwing it around against the curbing where it was stopped. It made a big crash and a crowd was soon collected on the spot.

Neither of the cars were damaged to any extent, the Ford having a small dent in the fender and the Dodge a bumper broken off of its fastening on one side. Both cars were able to get away soon and the Ford whizzed away before we found out the driver's name. A bystander said: "You could put one of them little things through a stone crusher and it would come out ready to run home."

The second auto accident took place at about 9 o'clock Monday morning, on South Bridge street; just where the alley back of Wortley & French's store comes out on the pavement when a Ford touring car and the big, heavy Standard Oil truck came together.

Oscar Hall, the 15-year-old son of Ralph Hall, was driving and as he came out of the alley he drove headon into the big oil truck, smashing one of the Ford lights, a fender and bending the front axle back somewhat.

Though badly scared the Hall boy and a younger brother, who was with him were neither of them injured and a friend who happened to be near, started the engine up and drove it to the garage for repairs which could be quickly made.

The two accidents are to be considered very lucky in that in neither case was anyone even slightly injured, although the Hall boy was very badly scared.

Brought Here For Burial.
The remains of Miss Louise Mellis, aged 21, of Chicago, were brought to this city Monday morning on the train and taken to the undertaking rooms of the Miller & Harris Furniture Co., from where the funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. P. Ray Norton officiating and burial took place in River Ridge cemetery. Mrs. Mellis was a former resident of Canada, but owing to the fact that her sister, Miss Belle Mellis, who accompanied the remains here formerly resided here and that another sister, a former wife of Harry Evans, is buried here, the remains were brought to this city for interment.

Greetings to the Boys
In Khaki and Blue

To all Belding boys serving their country anywhere, we send cordial and grateful greetings. Your home town is proud of you and we glory in your courage, pluck and patriotism. We know that the boys of no other community will make a prouder record than the boys of Belding and vicinity. You are continually in our thoughts and every daily paper is read with an extra reading of the heart until we are quite sure you are not mentioned among the wounded or missing. We glory in your achievements and we are constantly looking forward to the day when you will return to us and we may shake your hands and look you in the eyes and tell you how proud and grateful we are. All our plans are for you. We want everyone of you to come back and we are determined that you shall find a city of which you shall be proud. We shall make provisions for your comfort and pleasure, and we shall do everything we possibly can to provide, in Belding, the opportunity for useful, successful and happy lives.

Please consider this as a welcome and affectionate handshake from all the folks at home. Remember your return trip ticket, reads, "From Berlin to Belding."

Yours truly,
Belding Board of Commerce,
B. F. Brown, Sec'y.

Hallowe'en Notice.
Owing to the rigid quarantine which must be maintained in order to successfully combat the epidemic of influenza there will be no Hallowe'en parties or gatherings of any kind permitted.

By order of the
Belding Board of Health.SEED CORN UNSAFE
UNLESS CARE IS
USED IN DRYINGREAL NEED OF CAREFUL AT-
TENTION TO PROPER DRYING
IS IMPERATIVE AS CAN BE
SHOWN BY FIGURES GIVEN
OUT BY EXPERTS AT
THE M. A. C.

If seed corn is not well dried during the coming winter, much of it will be unfit for use next spring, a statement of farm crops of the M. A. C. at East Lansing declares. The department, in support of its declaration, is submitting to farmers a report of tests made with corn of varying moisture content.

It was found that corn dried so that it does not contain more than 10 or 12 per cent of water is uninjured by freezing weather; in the case of corn containing 65 to 75 per cent of moisture only one per cent germinated after it had been exposed to freezing weather; of corn with 45 to 55 per cent moisture, only 33 per cent germinated, while of corn with 25 to 35 per cent, only 80 per cent grew. Of corn with 25 per cent of moisture or less, 100 per cent germinated.

Careful drying and storing of all corn intended to be used as seed is accordingly being urged by the farm crops men of the college, particularly as the supply of seed corn is reported to be dangerously low this season. Local farmers will do well to take the most extreme precautionary measures in drying their seed corn in order that the supply will be somewhere near the demand which will be made for it later on.

STATE FACES NEW
VOTE ON PLAN TO
ALLOW BEER SALEHOTEL MEN'S ASSOCIATION
BACKS PLAN LIKELY TO BE
SUBMITTED IN APRIL.

Michigan faces another statewide prohibition campaign next spring, as the Michigan State Hotel Men's association has used a legal pistol on the beer and wine amendment which was to have been voted upon next month had it not been thrown off the ballot by the supreme court and will submit it at the general state election in April.

The method of putting the proposition before the voters is the same as the means contemplated for the amendment which was ruled out. Initiative petitions containing the signatures of approximately 5,000 qualified electors will be filed with the secretary of state before Dec. 2. If sufficient signatures are obtained, and it is not anticipated there will be any trouble along this line, the secretary of state will order the amendment submitted.

While the wording of the amendment differs somewhat from the one the supreme court threw out on the ground that it attempted to re-enact an old law by constitutional amendment, the general purpose of the new amendment is the same. The proposed amendment follows:

"It shall forever be lawful in this state to import, transport, manufacture, use, buy, sell, keep for sale, give away, barter or furnish every kind of cider, wines, ale and porter and to possess the same in private residence. So much of section 11, article 16 of this constitution as prohibits the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale, giving away, bartering or furnishing of vinous, malt, brewed or fermented liquors is hereby repealed. The legislature by general laws shall reasonably license the manufacture of and reasonably license and regulate the sale and keeping for sale of vinous, malt, brewed or fermented liquors provided, however, that the electors of each city, village or township shall have the right to prohibit the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale of vinous, malt, brewed or fermented liquors within such city, village and township."

Under the terms of the proposed amendment the sale of whisky and other distilled liquors would not be permitted. For this reason this proposed change will be generally known as the beer and wine amendment.

In the first amendment filed with the state department several months ago it was proposed to have liquor licenses granted by circuit judges and one-half the license money was to go for the construction of state reward roads.

All this is eliminated in the new amendment. If adopted by the people at the April election it will mean a return of the saloon for the sale of beer and light wines and it doubtless will mean many more saloons as the voting unit is made the city, village or township. Under such an arrangement the rural voters of a county would not be able to put a city into the dry column if the city folks rolled up a "wet" majority.

Boxes For Soldiers.
Owing to lack of space we are unable to again publish the rules for sending the Christmas gifts to soldiers overseas, but if you will call up Mrs. M. A. Reed, or Miss Florence Washburn, of the local Red Cross, you can find out all about this matter. We understand that these boxes have been sent to the local committee to-day and that you can get them now. A committee has been appointed to be in the Red Cross rooms in the city hall from Saturday, Nov. 2, until November 20 to receive and examine these boxes. Absolutely nothing in the way of Christmas boxes will be accepted after November 20.

Notice.
Grattan arbor, A. O. G. No. 372, meeting for November 2 will be postponed until further notice. Lecturer, M. C. Green went to Ionia Friday to visit his daughter, Mrs. Quinn Allen, for the day.

Made New Acquaintances.
Captain Frank D. Curtis, of Ionia, Democratic candidate for county clerk was in the city Monday looking after his campaign work and renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. Capt. Curtis is an Ionia man and is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having led an Ionia company through the campaign to victory and is making a race for the office of county clerk. He is a splendid man and made many friends while in the city Monday and if elected, would undoubtedly make the county a good and efficient official.

Willoughby's Christmas Trade.
M. L. Willoughby, the jeweler, in his regular advertisement this week urges once more upon you the real need of doing your Christmas shopping early in order to get a good selection and avoid the usual rush, which must not be this year. Mr. Willoughby is enjoying an already good Christmas trade and has his Christmas stock all displayed to your advantage, so that the selection of just the proper article for your relative or friend can be the more easily selected. Turn to his advertisement and read it.

Don't Forget the Kummage Sale.
Don't forget the kummage sale which the good ladies of the board of managers are going to hold, commencing Wednesday, November 6, and please take note that instead of the sale being held in the vacant store room formerly occupied by H. Patterson, that the sale will be held in the store room on Bridge street formerly occupied by Ward & Schlegel, a meat market. This change is made necessary through the fact that the former store room has been rented as a place for storage. Too much importance cannot be placed upon the proper amount of cooperation which the public in this city and vicinity should extend to the ladies who constitute the board of managers of the local hospital and those who have articles to contribute to the sale can notify Mrs. J. L. Hubbell, Mrs. W. R. Ward or Mrs. A. M. Hall or any other member of the board of managers. The articles which are to be contributed will be called for or they can be brought to the ladies. Canned fruit for the hospital, furniture, clothing, crockery, etc., will all come in handy and there will be a buyer for everything that you can bring in. The farmers will be in a better position to donate vegetables, canned fruit, etc., than their city brothers but everything will be gratefully received and the ladies have a great deal of time making both ends meet at the institution and it is the duty of every person to stand by them either with cash donations or some articles for the hospital use or something for the sale at this time. Do your part.

WAR COUNCIL
MESSAGE TO RED
CROSS CHAPTERSWORK OF GREAT ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICAN WOMEN GREAT
FACTOR IN WAR WORK.

All over the United States and her foreign possessions and in every foreign city where there is an American Red Cross chapter, there are 3,854 chapters—this message is being read today. It is the message of the Red Cross war council to the chapters which today are holding their annual meetings and it tells in brief the story of Red Cross work for the year just passed.

To the Chapters of the American Red Cross.

The War Council sends greetings to the chapters of the American Red Cross on the occasion of their annual meetings for 1918.

The strength of the Red Cross rests upon its chapters. They are its bone and sinew. They supply its funds, they supply its men and women, they supply its enthusiasm.

Review together the Red Cross story of the past year.

Some idea of the size to which your Red Cross family has grown may be gathered from the following facts:

On May 1, 1917, just before the appointment of the War Council, the American Red Cross had 186,194 members working through 562 chapters; July 31, 1918, the organization numbered 20,648,103 annual members besides 8,000,000 members of the Junior Red Cross, a total enrollment of over one-fourth the population of the United States. These members now carry on their Red Cross work through 384 chapters, divided into 30,000 branches and auxiliaries.

Since the beginning of the war you of the chapters have cooperated with the War Council in conducting two war fund drives and one membership drive in addition to the campaign on behalf of the Junior Red Cross.

The total actual collections to date from the first war fund have amounted to more than \$115,000,000. The subscriptions to the second war fund amount to upwards of \$176,000,000. From membership dues the collections have amounted to approximately \$24,500,000.

For the foregoing must be added that very large contribution of materials and time given by the millions of women throughout the country in surgical dressings, in knitted articles, in hospital and refugee garments, in canteen work and the other activities the chapters have been called on to perform.

SENDS BEST REGARDS
TO FRITZY WITH
AN 18 POUND SHELLCHAS. COWLES FORGETS "WAR
"IS HELL" AND SCRIPTURAL
INJUNCTION, "THOU SHALT
NOT KILL" AND FIRES
BIG GUNS.

Charles Cowles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Cowles, writes another good letter home from over there in France, where he has been engaged for some time in driving the Boches back on their way to Berlin and the following from his pen is about as good a letter as we have yet published:

Dear Ones at Home:
Just a few lines today to let you know the way I am feeling fine, hoping this fine you all the same. We have been having some rainy weather over here but it is getting about that time of the year that we can begin to look for bad weather.

I received a letter from Earl this morning—he is o. k.; also another from Mike. He is still trying to get back into the outfit. I guess that you will know by this time that we have been doing some fighting and are about ready to go up for the third time. I don't know where it will be this time but rest assured it will be another victory. There will be plenty of excitement wherever it happens to be as the 10th Field has a reputation for itself. We never started anything yet that we didn't finish. But we started a good sized job when we started in killing Huns. We have named our gun Maxine. It was also estimated that this gun killed 3,000 Germans in one of our hottest battles and one of those muddy, greasy and smoky days that mangled her was no other than your own boy. I thought war was hell once, when you get your command to fire and you stop ever so little to think that "Thou shalt not kill" and thou art thy brother's keeper" but you must kill or be killed in order to wipe out the Hun, so I can pull the lanyard now and send my best regards along with an 18 pounder and end this about the best sounding peace talk I have heard. Oh we went through with it fine this last time and came back without ever a man wounded, not so bad is it; but this little fracas couldn't hold a candle to the war we saw upon the Marne. Fritz has found out that the Yanks aren't the best back up very easy so tell Pa to cheer up, it's not a couple more rats at home before winter sets in I think Kaiser Bill will have plenty if not too much.

There are not many of the boys looking for honors or medals, we are looking for Berlin and next that Statue of Liberty all us boys want to get back at the front and if we get away with it it is truly a glorious thing to be a soldier for the U. S. A. to have the right to fight for the starry banner which when it unfurls to the breeze is the one grand inspiration of all us boys at the front and we are now as our forefathers years ago fighting for liberty and surely none will welcome peace more than us boys here. But it must be a righteous peace, free from all oppression of autocracy, every man to stand free and equal as a just God intended it should be. That's the kind of peace every soldier wants and is willing to fight for until such can be restored united we stand, everyone of us backing the president in each and every peace term.

Well, now to clean up a bit and then for 40 winks of sleep and don't worry about me, I am all right and will write whenever I can; sometimes there isn't much time nor much material.

Hoping to hear from you soon and to hear that everything is improving, I am, as ever, with my best love to all.

Your soldier boy,
Chas. S. Cowles,
Chief Mechanic, Battery B., 10th
Field Artillery, A. E. F., A. P. O. 740
France.

Ben Longan, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Reed, writes the following letter to them and in an optimistic vein tells them not to worry now but to wait until he gets home, that the time for worrying will start then:

Sept. 29, 1918.

Dear Ones at Home:
I just had my dinner and as it was an unusually good one and feeling very good natured and as I have all the mud scraped off me and am all dried out I think I had better write, now don't you think that a good apology.

I just got that first installment of magazines but not letter, but am still looking for that letter.

Say, I had filled out about my insurance and let me know if you get it, also my Liberty bond should be there by this time. Write about this at once and I will get after them again if they don't hurry up.

I am not on the telephone anymore but am a runner if you know what that is. I will have a better chance to explain everything when I get home, which will be about Easter or later. I think that is the best time of the year to get home then I can have a whole new outfit for then, don't you?

I haven't heard anything more of Spencer but I imagine he is way back doing M. P. duty. As for the rest of the fellows I see O'Connor and Haver every day and Klock, I haven't seen for a month, while I am in the same company with Pierson, Madden, Oberlin, Holcomb, Vashon, and Morgan and they are o. k. Tell their folks so. Belding won't have a very heavy casualty list so far but now don't think I am trying to brag or anything like that.

Mother said in her letter that she got a letter from Uncle Ben. Some- (To Be Continued Next Week.)